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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Sarah E. Husband

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/24/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
paragraphs 1, 4, 32, 43 and 63 contain typographical errors, improperly numbered items or incomplete information.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 4 is unclear because it recites the limitation "opposite side" and no reference is given to define the opposing side. Applicant is asked to clarify.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0037640) in view of Isayama (JP 200139018 A).

Kim discloses a drum-type washing machine with a fastening bolt having a screwed shaft penetrating a cabinet of the washing machine to be coupled with a boss of a tub, a cabinet, drum and elastic members (see entire document; Fig. 1, 4, Items 12, 7, 2). Kim does not show a head part of the screwed shaft having a cut-away portion holding a power cable of a washing machine. Isayama discloses a bolt having head (3), a cut-away portion and flange (5, 6) extending outward to hold the cable. The cut away portion includes an insertion portion and fixing bent portion. Isayama also discloses the outer circumference side of the flange is wider than an opposite side and the shape is generally rounded (Fig. 1, 3, 5, 7, abstract). Isayama also discloses that the fixing portion is formed rounded along a direction of rotating the head and the cable naturally moves toward the insertion portion (Fig. 1B). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Kim with Isayama for the benefit of having a lightweight, safe fastener for stringing cable (abstract).

Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Isayama as applied to claims 1-8 and 10-17 above, and further in view of Ory (US Patent No. 4,624,117).

Kim and Isayama do not specifically disclose a protrusion extending from an outer circumference of the power cable lying between the head part and the cabinet.

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Ory discloses a protrusion (see Figure 3) attached to the power cable which would lie between the cabinet and holding strap (similar function to the bolt). Kim, Isayama, and Ory are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor, securing structures. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to modify Kim and Isayama with Ory for the benefit of preventing the cord from falling back into the cabinet (col. 3, see also entire document).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art not referred to are Harkey (US 2002/0049446) and Benoit (US 5806452).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah E. Husband whose telephone number is (571) 272-8387. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MICHAEL BARR
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Barr", written over the printed name and title.